Free schooling materials to downtrodden children

†190. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated a scheme to provide free uniform, shoes, stationery, etc. to all the children belonging to the downtrodden, from class I to VIII;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for not implementing the above scheme, so far; and

(d) the year-wise amount of money likely to be expended on the above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Under the Framework for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) there is only a provision to supply free textbooks to all children, as this is a direct educational incentive. Under National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL), which is a focussed intervention for promotion of girls education under the SSA programme, States have flexible funds to provide items like uniform and other incentives to girls in order to meet local specific requirements.

Wastage of foodgrains meant for mid-day meals

191. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has collected any data on the foodgrains meant for mid-day meals for school children all over the country, which is going waste by way of transportation, pilferage, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the children are being served lesser food and fewer calories than they require, thereby wasting huge amount of revenue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) As per the allocation made by the Central Government, the FCI supplies foodgrain directly to the States/UTs. As and when, any complaint, relating to pilferage/diversion of foodgrain, serving of lesser food/fewer calories etc., is brought to the notice of the Government, the concerned State Government/UT Administration is asked to conduct suitable enquiry, take suitable action against the responsible person and initiate corrective measures to avoid recurrence of such incidents. A statement indicating details and action taken on such cases is enclosed.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Details of cases of Wastage of Foodgrains meant for Mid-day Meals and the action taken thereon

Sl. No.	State/UT	Details of cases	Status of action taken.
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1.	Andhra Pradesh	Misuse of mid-day meal (rice) in West Godawari District in 2005	The State Govt. has initiated disciplinary action against the Head Master.
2.	Bihar	Black Marketing of foodgrains in Patna District in 2005. Stock of foodgrains found in Teacher's house in West Champaran District in 2005.	The State Govt. has initiated an enquiry in the matter.
3.	Orissa	A teacher was caught selling rice meant for Mid Day Meal scheme in Jagatsinghpur District in 2005.	The State Govt. has initiated disciplinary action against the teacher.
4.	Mahara-shtra	There are few instances of misuse of foodgrains reported in Sandli, Dhule and Sholapur District.	The FIR has been filed against the concerned persons.
5.	Punjab	Five bags of wheat were reportedly stolen from Govt. Primary School, Bhargo Nagar (G), Jalandhar in 2005.	A police case has been registered. Departmental enquiry has also been ordered in the matter.
6.	Rajasthan	Complaint received from Shri Hanuman Ram and others of Village Band, District Barmer regarding foodgrain sold in market and embezzlement of funds in 2006.	The State Govt. has reported that after inquiry, the allegations were found to be baseless.
7.	Uttar Pradesh	(i) Complaint received in February, 2006 from Shri Krishanpal Rana and others regarding misappropria-tion of foodgrains and cooking cost funds in village Nirpura, Block Binauli, Tehsil Barot, District, Bagpat (UP) by Village Pradhan and teachers.	(i) The State Govt. has reported that after inquiry, the allegations were not found to be correct.
		(ii) 8 rice laden trucks meant for MDM lifted by 3 NGOs from Bulandshahar (UP) were seized by Delhi Police in Samaipur Badli area in 2005.	(ii) The contract of the concerned NGOs has been cancelled. An FIR has been lodged against the culprits. Basic Shiksha Adhikari, Bulandshahar has been suspended.

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			Orders have been issued for special audit of the funds of the NGOs and inter-district transfer of foodgrains issued under MDM Scheme has been banned.
		(iii) Complaint received in February, 2006 from Shri Vijay Raj Saini, Secretary, Youth Congress (I), Moradabad regarding allegation of corruption against District Basic Education Officer of Moradabad/ Amroha.	(iii) The State Govt. has reported that after a preliminary enquiry, allegations were not found to be correct. The State Govt. has directed District Education Officer to furnish a detailed report.
8.	West Bengal	(i) Misuse of Supply of foodgrains in Ratua Block II in Malda District was reported. Shri Zamil Hosseil the Storing Agent of MDM rice did not deliver 2203.02 quintals of rice which was lifted by him between September, 2003 to June, 2004.	(i) In case of Zamil Hosseil, FIR was lodged. Accused Zamil Hosseil Surrendered before the Court of Additional District Judge First Court on 25.4.2006.
		(ii) The District Inspector of School (PE) Cooch Behar reported that from April, 2002 to March, 2004, 1460 schools of the district did not receive foodgrains for periods varying from one month to twelve months. 430 out of total 595 MR dealers of the district didn't give exact quantity of rice, which they were supposed to give. Two of the dealers submitted false utilization certification.	(ii) In Cooch Behar FIR was lodged against the MR dealer who submitted the false utilization certificate. The license of that MR dealer has been suspended. Legal action against 38 MR dealers initiated.
9.	NCT of Delhi	The Delhi Police seized 2 Trucks carrying the rice lifted by the NGOs/Suppliers under Mid Day Meal Scheme from FCI godown, which were taken to Narela for sale in open market.	FIR No. 168/07 was lodged in Police Station, Narela. Directo-rate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi has conducted a Departmental enquiry to ascer-tain the facts. Three defaulting service providers viz. Jan Sevak Associates, Bal Bhoj and Shade India Society are blacklisted.